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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/025,653  
Applicants: Kenji YAMAMOTO, et al.  
Filing Date: December 26, 2001  
For: HARD FILM FOR CUTTING TOOLS, CUTTING  
TOOL COATED WITH HARD FILM, PROCESS FOR  
FORMING HARD FILM, AND TARGET USED TO  
FORM HARD FILM  
Group Art Unit: 1775  
Examiner: Turner, A.A.  
Allowed: August 24, 2004

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

**Letter to PTO**

**Communication from Canadian Patent Office**

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Respectfully submitted,

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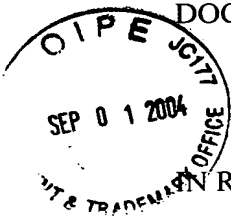
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LETTER TO PTO

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Applicants wish to make of record the enclosed communication received from the Canadian Patent Office in the corresponding Canadian application. Applicants note that the references cited in the Canadian office action have been previously cited and considered by the Examiner in the present application.

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